

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 774

By Howell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Garland Lankford
of Decatur.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Robert Garland Lankford; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lankford was an exemplary public servant and consummate
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lankford was born on February 3, 1945, to John and Francis Lankford;
he graduated from Meigs County High School in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lankford served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of
Combustion Engineering in Chattanooga, in which position he earned the respect of his peers
and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, ever willing to serve his beloved Meigs County, Mr. Lankford was elected
Meigs County executive for three terms, spanning from 1986 to 1998, and he returned to office
as county mayor in 2010; and

WHEREAS, a man of many talents and abilities, Robert Lankford also enjoyed his work
in wrought iron and farming cattle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lankford was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored
to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he will be fondly remembered by his loving wife of forty-eight years, Marilyn
Gay Galyon Lankford; his son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Doddie Lankford; his daughter
and son-in-law, Dr. Alicia Lankford and David Laffoon; and his grandchildren, Audrey, Luke,
Thomas, Katherine, and Caroline; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Robert Lankford was preceded in death by his siblings, John Lankford, Ralph Lankford, Dock Lankford, and Iva Porter; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lankford leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert Garland Lankford, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Lankford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.